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SUBJ: EXERCISE HILEX-6

REF: SETTING FOR EXERCISE HILEX-6 (AC/287(H-6)-D/5)

SUMMARY: FOLLOWING IS IN MISSION VIEW NECESSARY PRELIMINARY ACTION FOR EXERCISE HILEX-6.

MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS IN PRE-EXERCISE SETTING FOR HILEX-6 HAVE LED TO A SACLANT REQUEST TO DPC FOR AUTHORIZATION TO IMPLEMENT PRECAUTIONARY PHASE OF PLAN LIMMER. OTHER SACLANT AND SACEUR REQUESTS RELATING TO IMPLEMENTATION OF OP-PLANS AND EMPLOYMENT OF ACE MOBILE FORCE (AMF) ARE EXPECTED AS EARLY AS 18 MARCH. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON AUTHORIZATION FOR MISSION TO APPROVE THESE REQUESTS IN THE DPC. END SUMMARY.

1. ANNEX C TO REFERENCE DOCUMENT DESCRIBES MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS LEADING UP TO COMMENCEMENT OF HILEX-6 AT 0001 MARCH 18, 1974. CERTAIN DEVELOPMENTS PROBABLY WILL REQUIRE DPC ACTION EARLY IN THE EXERCISE, POSSIBLY ON MARCH 18. THEY  
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ARE DISCUSSED IN PARAS 50, 61, 63, 74, AND 85 OF ANNEX C AND ARE SUMMARIZED BELOW:

A. IN PARA 50, SACLANT WARNED NATIONS ON MARCH 13 THAT HE MIGHT SHORTLY BE REQUESTING ACTIVATION OF MARCONFORLANT

PLAN 104. THIS PLAN PROVIDES FOR THE CONDUCT OF MARITIME SURVEILLANCE OF THE ACLANT AREA.

B. IN PARA 61, SACLANT REQUESTED ON MARCH 15 AUTHORIZATION TO IMPLEMENT THE PRECAUTIONARY PHASE OF PLAN LIMMER (MC 12/12). ACCORDING TO PARA 63, THE DPC ON MARCH 15 DEFERRED DISCUSSION OF THIS REQUEST BECAUSE SEVERAL NATIONS WERE WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS.

C. IN PARA 74, SACEUR WARNED NATIONS ON MARCH 16 THAT HE WAS CONSIDERING A REQUEST TO THE DPC TO AUTHORIZE HIM TO RETAIN THE AMF IN NORTH NORWAY IN A DETERRENT ROLE.

D. IN PARA 85, SACLANT WARNED NATIONS ON MARCH 17 TO PREPARE FOR POSSIBLE IMPLEMENTATION OF MARCONFORLANT PLAN 101 IN EASTLANT. THIS PLAN DEALS WITH PROVIDING A NATO NAVAL PRESENCE IN RESPONSE TO A SPECIFIC WARSAW PACT MARITIME PRESENCE IN THE ACLANT AREA.

2. THESE ADVANCE NOTIFICATIONS BY SACLANT AND SACEUR REPRESENT AN EXERCISE ARTIFICIALITY IN THAT, UNDER REAL CONDITIONS, MISSION WOULD HAVE REQUESTED GUIDANCE PRIOR TO MARCH 18. MISSION REQUIRES GUIDANCE OR AUTHORITY TO APPROVE THESE ACTIONS IF AND WHEN PRESENTED TO THE DPC FOR APPROVAL EARLY IN THE EXERCISE. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON AUTHORIZATION BY OPENING OF BUSINESS MARCH 18 FOR MISSION TO APPROVE IN THE DPC THE SACLANT AND SACEUR REQUESTS LISTED PARA 1 ABOVE.  
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